The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a series of storms and tornadoes November 11.

November 15

In the morning, the President had intelligence and national security briefings. He also had separate telephone conversations with NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson, to discuss the upcoming NATO summit in Prague, and with Prime Minister Konstandinos Simitis of Greece, to discuss issues relating to Turkey and Cyprus and the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. Later, he met with Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, ranking member, Senate Appropriations Committee, and Representative C.W. Bill Young of Florida, chairman, House Committee on Appropriations, to discuss proposed appropriations legislation. He then went to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to designate R. Hewitt Pate as Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, at the Department of Justice.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted November 12

Elizabeth Hoffman,

of Colorado, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008, vice Stanley Vincent Jaskolski, term expired.

Raymond T. Wagner, Jr.,

of Missouri, to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 14, 2004, vice George L. Farr.

Submitted November 14

James M. Loy,

of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security for a term of 5 years, vice John Magaw, resigned.

Daniel Pearson,

of Minnesota, to be a member of the U.S. International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2011, vice Lynn M. Bragg, term expired.

Harlon Eugene Costner,

of North Carolina, to be U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina, vice Becky Jane Wallace.

Richard Zenos Winget,

of Nevada, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Nevada, vice Jose Gerardo Troncoso.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 10

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on the start of construction of the Kabul-Kandahar-Herat highway in Afghanistan

Released November 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Alaska

Released November 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: Meeting With President-Elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil